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Mr. Barry York
General Electric Company
One River Road
Building 6, Room 233
Schenectady, NY 12345

Dear Mr. York:

I am writing regarding your former apparatus service shop located at E. 4323 Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington. As a result of sampling we conducted, it has been revealed that polychlorinated byphenyl (PCB) contamination exists at that site. During our recent telephone conversation, you indicated the split samples you analyzed confirmed contamination at approximately the same levels as found by us.

Our sampling results were provided to you per Ned Therien's December 17, 1985, letter. All samples taken indicated the presence of PCB contamination, some at elevated levels. Our sampling results for heavy metals are not yet available.

Because of the presence of high levels of PCBs which may pose a public health risk and because of the potential contamination threat to the underlying Spokane Aquifer, I am requesting the General Electric Company take the following actions:

1. Conduct a detailed investigation of the site in order to define the extent, degree and type(s) of contamination present, and provide a written report to us on that investigation.
2. Provide to us a written plan and schedule for the clean up of all contamination at the site.
3. After review and approval of the above plan and schedule by us, commence clean up. Because of the presence of the underlying Spokane Aquifer, the clean up goal to be achieved at your site is to return the area to background conditions.

I am also requesting that you consider securing the site with a fence as soon as possible. The high levels of PCBs present indicate that there is potential for direct human contact that may pose a health hazard.

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Your written reply regarding General Electric Company's intended actions and schedule for accomplishing those actions at this site is requested by February 14, 1986.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James L. Malm
Environmental Quality Division

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cc: Ned Therien, WDOE/Olympia
Mike Schlender, WDOE/Spokane
John Anicetti, Spokane County Health District/Spokane